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1. President Manuel Odría's recent appointment of Antenor del Pozo to his Press and Information staff under Marcel Delbois is considered in leftist political circles in Peru as further indication that Odría is seeking a rapprochement with the Communist groups which are now in opposition to the orthodox Communist Party of Peru (PCP).* Del Pozo, who was a prominent PCP member from the time of the Party's founding until he was expelled in 1949 for being a follower of Juan F. Luna, has been active in the dissident factions recently.
2. The appointment of del Pozo is believed to be the work of Marcel Delbois,** a close friend of PCP leaders Julio and Jorge del Prado, who reportedly convinced the President that he should make overtures to the Communists opposing the orthodox PCP, as well as to any dissident Apristas.
3. Del Pozo quoted Delbois as having claimed to have been responsible for convincing Odría that the government would gain a considerable amount of support if Eudocio Ravines were deported. Delbois reportedly claimed that he convinced Odría that most of the dissident splinter groups of both Communists and Apristas would automatically line up behind the President after Ravines' expulsion. Del Pozo took part of the credit for Odría's having ordered the action against Ravines, claiming to have provided certain information on Ravines' activities. Delbois is said to have told del Pozo that he was informed that Ravines would be allowed back in the country soon after the 2 July elections.
4. Del Pozo held several important positions in the PCP prior to his expulsion. He has been a member of the Departmental and Executive Committees and a member of the Press, Information and Cultural Committee. Before 1947, del Pozo was active in the anti-American group, Bloque Anti-Fascista, and was well known for his attacks on the Truman Doctrine and American imperialism. Del Pozo has been an active promoter and organizer of the various pro-peace committees and activities in Peru, and he was one of the originators of a message of support and congratulations to the World Peace Congress in Paris in 1949.

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5. Del Fozo is regarded as an accomplished and talented journalist, and has been connected at various times with these publications: La Roche, Cascabel, El Hombre de la Calle, La Hora, Jornada, Excelsior, Para Todos, and the series of Genaro Carnero Checa's publications, 1947, 1948, and 1949. He broke with Carnero Checa because he considered the line adopted by 1950 not sufficiently Communist in approach.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The influence of Juan E. Luna, former PCF member, in labor and government circles is well known.

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